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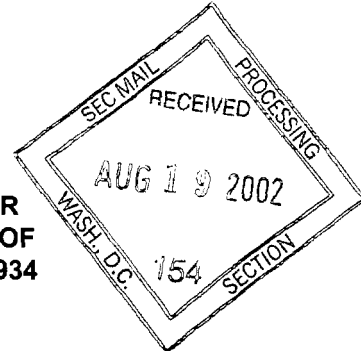


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934



For the month of August 2002

FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

8 ROCKRIDGE ROAD, PENROSE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 1020

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No A

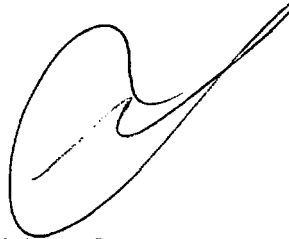
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This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statements on Forms F-3 (Nos. 333- 6526, 333- 8932 and 333- 12726) and S-8 (File No. 33- 97728) of Fletcher Challenge Forests Limited and certain of its subsidiaries and to be a part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a cursive 'M' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

P M GILLARD
SECRETARY

Date 8 August 2002



NEWS RELEASE

STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS: NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, NEW YORK (FFS).

SIR DRYDEN SPRING HAS DECIDED NOT TO CHAIR SPECIAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Auckland, 8 August 2002 – Sir Dryden Spring today announced that he would not chair the Fletcher Challenge Forests Special Shareholder Meeting next Tuesday.

Sir Dryden said it was very important that shareholders who give proxies to the Chairman of the meeting are satisfied that they will be validly exercised. "In light of legal uncertainty, I suggested to the Board that I not chair the meeting", said Sir Dryden, "and they have accepted that recommendation."

The Board will elect Director Michael Walls to chair the Meeting. Mr Walls will also accept proxies from ADR holders.

The Market Surveillance Panel yesterday pointed to legal uncertainty about Sir Dryden's status in voting any proxies given to the Chairman at the Special Shareholder Meeting. This uncertainty arises because Sir Dryden is a director of the National Bank, which is a current lender to the CNIFP and a proposed new lender to Fletcher Challenge Forests in the CNIFP proposal.

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